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I am writing to express my concern over the recent proposed settlement to the Microsoft case. My understanding is that the settlement involves allowing Microsoft to "repent" by donating large amounts of software to schools.

Honestly, it is hard to believe this settlement is even being considered. It should be clear to anyone that allowing Microsoft to further spread themselves - especially to youths in a state sponsored educational system - will only serve to extend their monopoly. Education is one of the few areas where truly innovative competitors like Apple still have a reasonable share of the market.

Please reject this settlement to the Microsoft case. It is bad for the public, bad for the industry, bad for innovation in general. The only one that will benefit is Microsoft. And aren't they supposed to be being punished?

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